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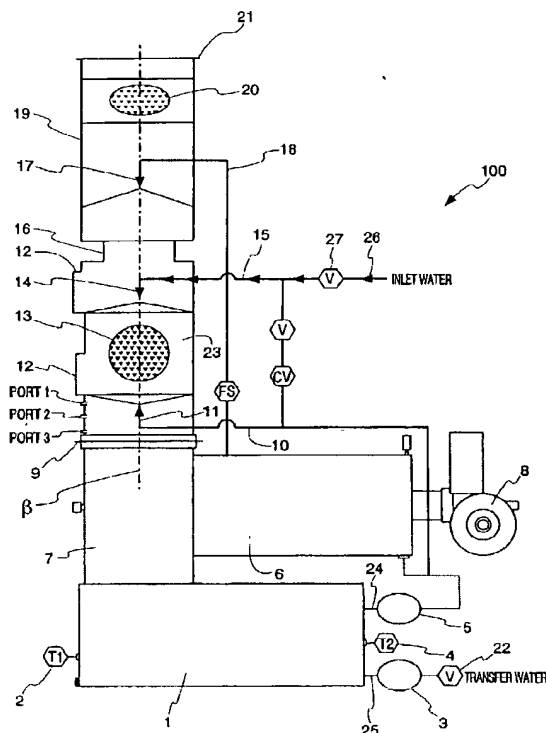
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(54) Title: A DEVICE AND METHOD FOR MINIMIZING PATHOGENS IN HEATED WATER



(57) Abstract: A device (100) for heat-treating water is provided, comprising a confined heating zone, a passage-way (15) for transporting the water to said confined heating zone (23) so as to facilitate heating of the water, a controller (27) for preventing the heated water from leaving the device (100) until pathogens entrained in the heated water are killed; and an antimicrobial substrate (20) for preventing pathogens entrained in unheated water from leaving the device (100).



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